

WHAT DOES INDICATE THE INFECTION IN **THE WISDOM TOOTH?**

Wisdom teeth are molars that are found in the permanent teeth of an adult. These are the last teeth in each set of the jaw. Most people have wisdom teeth but sometimes it is seen that a few people have not wisdom teeth due to some reasons as they have impacted.

Moreover, if the tooth is impacted it can be verified by a radiograph. The radiograph is preferred when dentists need help to know the estimate of the angle of eruption and state of the development of the tooth. Most often wisdom teeth are visible in early adulthood between the ages of sixteen to twenty-three. When you feel a throbbing sensation in the back jaw with little pain, it is the signal that wisdom teeth are erupting.



Indications of infection in wisdom teeth:

If there is a growth of soft tissue over a partially erupted wisdom tooth, it is known as the operculum. And if bacteria is stuck under the operculum, an infection called pericoronitis can develop which is the main cause of emergency wisdom tooth extraction. Usually, the infection indicates the red, swollen gum tissue behind the last visible molar. Also, it indicates bad smell, pain in biting and draining of pus from the affected area.

Eventually, the infection will lead to swelling of the gum tissue and furthermore to the cheek and neighboring side of the jaw. Moreover, it will convert to earache, so it is essential to get examined for an infection before it gets worse.

How do dentists perform wisdom tooth extraction?

After the identification of the problem, the oral surgeon will give you local anesthesia to pull the tooth out with little discomfort. It may be possible that a professional can give you sedation to perform the procedure. Then, they will perform minor surgery to remove the tissue and bone around the wisdom tooth from the socket. Multiple stitches may be needed to close or seal the surgical site. These stitches are dissolvable that come out on their own. In the other case if stitches are needed to be removed by the surgeon in a certain period of time.

How long does it take for wisdom teeth to heal?



The most important question that patients should ask their dentists after the surgery is **how long do wisdom teeth take to heal**. After the removal of the wisdom teeth, there is a **wisdom tooth hole**, also known as a socket. If your teeth were impacted, it might be possible that the size of the hole will be bigger. [Healing wisdom tooth hole](#) process may be completed naturally if a blood clot forms inside the wisdom tooth hole.

Initially, the recovery time of healing can take about three to four days. After the surgery, it may be possible that some people will suffer from difficulty in opening the mouth all the way with some pain. Your surgeon may prescribe you some pain relief medication to help with post-surgery symptoms. You can use ice packs or antibiotics to get relief from the pain.